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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Note by the secretariat

The fifth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification will be held from 1 to 12 October 2001 at Geneva, Switzerland. The present document contains general information which may be helpful to participants.

1. Conference secretariat

The head of the Conference secretariat is Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the secretariat of the Convention.

The secretariat can be reached at the following address:

Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
Haus Carstanjen
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D-53175 Bonn
Germany
Tel.no.: + (49 228) 815 28 02
Fax no.: + (49 228) 815 28 98/99
E-mail: secretariat@unccd.int

2. Venue of the session

The fifth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification will be held at the United Nations Office (Palais des Nations) in Geneva, at the following address:

Avenue de la Paix 8-14
1211 Geneva 10
Switzerland
Tel.no.: (+41 22) 917.12.34
Fax no.: (+41 22) 917.01.23
E-mail: secretariat@unccd.int

3. Registration

Registration will start on Friday, 28 September 2001, at 1400 (2 p.m.) and throughout the first week of the session according to a schedule to be provided by the secretariat. The Conference will open on Monday, 1 October 2001, with informal consultations being held in the morning and the official opening of the Conference at 1500 (3 p.m.) in the Plenary Hall. Identity badges will be issued at the time of registration and participants are requested to wear them at all times, since they will be allowed access to the *Palais des Nations* only upon presentation of their badges.

Registration for national delegations, specialized agencies and United Nations programmes, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as well as for the media and for staff of the United Nations, will be held at the Villa les Feuillantines, Avenue de la Paix 13.

In addition to the Plenary Hall, a meeting room with simultaneous interpretation will be available during normal working hours. Other premises can be made available for informal meetings without interpretation, subject to arrangements being made with the secretariat. Working hours will normally be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

4. How to get to the United Nations Office

(a) From Geneva/Cointrin airport

Geneva/Cointrin international airport welcomes all participants. The airport is approximately 10 minutes from the centre of Geneva. Participants arriving from Geneva/Cointrin airport can take a taxi or bus to Geneva city centre. Taxis are readily available; a one-way journey to the city costs CHF 25-30. Bus line 10 from the airport to Geneva's main railway station offers an economical and ecological alternative. The bus goes every 6 minutes during peak times, otherwise every 20 minutes. Tickets can be bought from the ticket machine. Participants can also take the train from the airport to Geneva's main railway station (Cornavin).

(b) From the main railway station in Geneva

The United Nations Office can be reached by bus, line 8, travelling in the direction of *OMS-Nations*.

Additional information on practical arrangements made to facilitate access to public transport by delegates to COP 5 will be announced during the Conference.

5. Hotel accommodation

Hotel reservations should be made by participants directly with the main hotels in Geneva (see annex).

6. Medical services

A medical service is available at the *Palais des Nations* for first aid in emergencies. The emergency medical number is 15 (Security Control Centre). First aid is available as follows:

Secretariat building:	Room No. 016 (basement), ext. 72807 from 8.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
New building:	Room E.3053 (3rd floor), ext. 75008 from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

After normal working hours, application should be made to the Security Control Centre (ext. 72900 or 72902).

The services of a doctor can be obtained if required. In addition, the necessary arrangements for admission to hospital will be made if required. The UNCCD secretariat will be responsible only for facilitating access to a hospital.

7. Postal, telephone and telefax services

Postal and telefax facilities are available in the *Palais des Nations*. The post office (installed by the Swiss Postal Authority) is situated:

Council Building: Ground floor (Door No. 6, ext. 72568)

Opening times: Monday - Friday 8.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday Closed

Telephone calls can be made from paying call boxes in the new building in the hall of the post office (2nd floor, Door No. 41) as well as on the 3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th and 10th floors, near lifts 42A, 42B, 43A and 43B. Pre-paid cards may be purchased at the Naville kiosks.

Instructions on the use of the telephone

The telephone number of the *Palais des Nations* is 917.1234. Each staff member can be reached on 917 followed by the extension (last four digits). The telefax number of the *Palais des Nations* is 917.0123.

(a) To obtain a number within the building, lift the receiver and dial the required number (5 digits) as soon as the dialling tone is heard.

(b) To obtain a Geneva number, lift the receiver, wait for the first dialling tone and then dial 0 and the required number followed by #.

8. Restaurants, cafeteria and bars

The restaurant on the 8th floor of the Assembly Building serves hot meals from 11.45 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. The restaurant is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. The restaurant will make arrangements for cocktail parties, private luncheons and dinner parties (ext. 73588).

The cafeteria, on the ground floor of the Assembly Building, is open to members of delegations, journalists, etc., and to officials from Monday to Friday from 8.15 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Hot meals are served from 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. (ext. 73595).

The bar on the ground floor of the Council Building (Lobby No. 6) is open from 8.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

The bar on the first floor of the Conference area of the New Building is open from 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Room VI (3rd floor, Assembly Building) is open from 8.30 a.m. to 4.45 p.m.

All bars are closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

9. Banking services

The United Nations branches of the Union de Banque Suisse (UBS) are located as follows:

Council Building: ground floor (Door No. 6) ext. 72170.

Opening times: Monday - Friday 8.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Door 41 area: 2nd floor, ext. 74916

Opening times: Monday - Friday 8.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Cash machines are available at both locations.

10. Travel agency

Carlson Wagonlit has two offices, one on the ground floor in the lobby of the Council Building (Door No. 6, ext. 72850) and the other in the entrance hall of E building (2nd level, ext. 74621). They are open during the following hours:

Monday - Friday 9.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

11. Immigration formalities and customs regulations

The Government of Switzerland advises that immigration formalities will be facilitated in its embassies or consulates. Applications may be submitted, with reference to the Conference, to the nearest Swiss embassy or consulate. Information on customs regulations in force in Switzerland may be obtained from any Swiss embassy or consulate.

12. Accreditation

The credentials of representatives of Parties and the names of alternate representatives and advisers must be communicated to the secretariat either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs. To ensure full participation in the work of the Conference, it is recommended that representatives of Parties should be provided with full powers to participate in the session and, if necessary, to serve as officers of the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session and any sessional committees or working groups, as well as to serve as officers of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention.

Credentials must be submitted to the secretariat of the Convention. The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session will examine the credentials and report to the session. Observer States, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations must also be accredited.

It is strongly recommended that participants fax their accreditation in advance to the secretariat so as to facilitate their registration during the Conference:

Fax no.: • (49 228) 815 28 98
• (49 228) 815 28 99

13. List of speakers

A list of speakers for the special segment as well as for other sessions of the plenary will be opened at a time, and subject to conditions, to be announced in the Journal of the Conference of the Parties.

14. Additional services available at the *Palais des Nations* for participants

Participants in the Conference will be able to use the various facilities of the *Palais des Nations*.

Library

Applications to consult books and periodicals should be made to the Reference Loan Service on the first floor of the Library Wing (ext. 74194). This service and the specialized reading rooms are open from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. (Monday to Friday).

Sales of publications

United Nations publications are on sale at the kiosk in the lobby of the Council Building (Door No. 8) and on the second floor of the New Building (Door No. 40). Delegates are entitled to a 25 per cent discount on the purchase of any of these publications. A discount is also applicable to similar purchases by accredited intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

Postage stamps - United Nations Postal Administration

In accordance with the Postal Agreement signed by the United Nations and the Swiss Federal Postal Administration, mail despatched from the *Palais des Nations* is stamped exclusively with United Nations stamps in Swiss francs. These stamps are valid only for mail posted in the *Palais des Nations*. Swiss stamps may not be used for mail posted in the *Palais des Nations*.

A United Nations Postal Administration sales counter, where philatelists can purchase United Nations stamps in Swiss francs or US dollars, is open from 8.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. on the ground floor of the Council Building, Door No. 6.

Stamps in U.S. dollars are used for mail posted at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Sales of newspapers and periodicals

Newspapers and periodicals are on sale at Naville kiosks:

Council Building: Lobby, Door No. 6
New Building: 2nd floor, north end (Lausanne side)

SAFI

The Purchase and Order Group of International Civil Servants is located in the basement of K Building, entrance by Door No. 1, and is open Monday to Friday from 12.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

15. Side events

Participants wishing to organize side events during COP 5 are kindly requested to send an application to Mr. Gerardo Gunera-Lazzaroni at the following address:

Fax no.: +(49 228) 815 28 98/99
E-mail: ggLazzaroni@unccd.int

The application form can be retrieved from the UNCCD Web site. Participants are advised that the UNCCD secretariat will be responsible only for room allocation. No equipment or additional services could be provided by the UNCCD secretariat or the United Nations Conference Services. Time slots and rooms will be accommodated according to availability, on a first-come-first-served basis.

A special calendar of any additional parallel events that may be organized during the COP will be published.

16. Exhibition facilities

Due to the ongoing major exhibitions on the United Nations year of Dialogue between Civilization, only a limited space for exhibition facilities will be available to participants. Arrangements can be made through the secretariat on a first-come-first-served basis.

Participants wishing to make exhibits are invited to contact Mr. Antonio Pires at:

Tel.no.: + (49 228) 815 28 08/09
Fax no.: + (49 228) 815 28 98/99
E-mail: apires@unccd.int

17. Press centre

An international press centre will be provided for accredited journalists. For information concerning accreditation, please contact:

Mr. Marcos Montoiro
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Haus Carstanjen
Martin-Luther-King Strasse 8
D-53175 Bonn
Germany
Tel.no.: + (49 228) 815 28 06
Fax no.: + (49 228) 815 28 98/99
E-mail: mmontoiro@unccd.int

or

Mr. Michael Williams
Information Unit on Conventions (IUC)
CP 356
CH-1219 Chatelaine, Geneva
Switzerland
Tel.no.: + (41 22) 979 92 42
Fax no.: + (41 22) 797 34 64
E-mail: michael.williams@unep.ch

18. General information about Geneva

Flights: Most airlines have direct flights to Geneva/Cointrin and many others book flights via Zurich

Currency: Swiss francs: 1 Swiss franc = approximately US$ 1.78 (indicative rate)

Weather: During the month of October the average temperature in Geneva oscillates between 6 and 11 degrees Celsius. Participants are recommended to bring warm clothing and an umbrella. Coat racks will be available next to the Plenary Hall

Electricity: 230 volts, 50 hertz

Local time: GMT + 01

Further information is available on the UNCCD home page: http://www.unccd.int.

Annex

HOTEL ROOMS AT UNITED NATIONS PREFERENTIAL RATES[1]

HOTELS IN GENEVA

		1st Price SFR	2nd Price SFR	1st Price FF	2nd Price FF
HOTEL: RELAIS RIVAGE 13, Quai du Mont-Blanc CH-1201 Geneva Tel: 716 6666 Fax: 716 60 60 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Continental Buffet	*****	 280.00 380.00 27.00 34.00	 330	 	
HOTEL: CROWNE PLAZA 26, Voie du Rhone (airport) CH-1218 Geneva Tel: 747 02 02 Fax: 747 03 03 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Buffet	*****	 160.00 180.00 24.00	 	 	
HOTEL: D'ANGLETERRE 17, Quai du Mont-Blanc CH-1201 Geneva Tel: 906 55 55 Fax: 906 55 56 Single or double room with bath (standard) Single or double room with bath (superior) Single or double room with bath (de Luxe - lake side) BREAKFAST Buffet	*****	 350.00 430.00 520.00 32.00	 	 	
HOTEL: DE LA PAIX 11, Quai du Mont-Blanc CH-1211 Geneva 1 Tel: 909 60 02 Fax: 909 60 01 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Buffet (included)	*****	 220.00 260.00	 300.00 340.00	 	
HOTEL: INTERCONTINENTAL 7-9, Chemin du Petit Saconnex CH-1211 Geneva 19 Tel: 919 39 39 Fax: 919 38 38 Single room with bath Double room with bath 1) Deluxe Corner room 2) Small suite/deluxe BREAKFAST Continental Buffet	*****	 215.00 265.00 450.00 550.00 26.00 34.00	 	 	

1 When making reservations directly, please mention participation in COP 5.

		1st Price SFR	2nd Price SFR	1st Price FF	2nd Price FF
HOTEL: LA RESERVE 301, Route de Lausanne CH-1293 Geneva-Bellevue Tel: 959 86 88 Fax: 959'85'89 CLOSED : 8.12.2000 - 31.12.2001	*****				
HOTEL: MANDARIN ORIENTAL DU RHONE Quai Turrettini CH-1211 Geneva 1 Tel: 909 00 00 Fax: 909 00 10 Single room with bath (Classic/Deluxe) Double room with bath (Superior/Deluxe) BREAKFAST Continental Buffet	*****	 350.00 420.00 25.00 35.00	 480.00 510.00		
HOTEL: NOGA-HILTON 19, Quai Du Mont-Blanc CH-1211 Geneva 21 Tel: 908 90 81 Fax: 908 90 90 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Continental Buffet	*****	 255.00 305.00 20.00 26.00	 		
HOTEL: PRESIDENT WILSON 47, Quai Wilson CH-1211 Geneva 21 Tel: 906 66 66 Fax: 906 66 67 Single room with bath (standard) Double room with bath (standard) Junior suite BREAKFAST Continental Buffet	*****	 280.00 310.00 650.00 29.00 35.00	 320.00 370.00 		
HOTEL: RICHEMOND 8-10, Rue Adhemar-Fabri CH-1211 Geneva 1 Tel: 715 71 00 Fax: 715 70 01 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Continental Buffet	*****	 280.00 280.00 31.00 37.00	 340.00 340.00 		
HOTEL: SOFITEL 10-20, Rue du Cendrier CH-1201 Geneva Tel: 908 80 80 Fax: 908 80 81 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Buffet (Included)	****	 225.00 275.00 	 		

		1st Price SFR	2nd Price SFR	1st Price FF	2nd Price FF
HOTEL: AUTEUIL MANOTEL 33, Rue de Lausanne CH -1201 Geneva Tel: 544 22 22 Fax: 544 22 99 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Buffet (Included)	****	 150.00 185.00			
HOTEL: BRISTOL SPH 10, Rue du Mont-Blanc CH-1211 Geneva 1 Tel: 716 57 00 Fax: 738 90 39 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Continental Buffet	****	 225.00 260.00 22.00 28.00			
HOTEL: CARLTON 22, rue Amat CH-1211 Geneva 21 Tel: 908 68 50 Fax: 908 68 68 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Buffet (included)	****	 145.00 165.00	 155.00 175.00		
HOTEL: CHURCHILL 15, Rue du Simplon CH-1207 Geneva Tel: 591 66 66 Fax: 591 66 76 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Buffet and/or Continental included	****	 116.00 126.00			
HOTEL: CORNAVIN 23, Boulevard James-Fazy CH-1201 Geneva Tel: 716 12 12 Fax: 716 12 00 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Continental Buffet	****	 175.00 216.00 9.00 18.00	 220.00 260.00		
HOTEL: DE BERNE SPH 26, Rue de Berne - gare CH-1201 Geneva Tel: 715 44 00 Fax: 731 11 73 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Buffet & Continental (Included)	****	 145.00 190.00			

		1st Price SFR	2nd Price SFR	1st Price FF	2nd Price FF
HOTEL: DIPLOMATE 46, Rue de la Terrassière CH-1207 Geneva Tel: 735 30 79 Fax: 735 06 61 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Continental (included)	****	 110.00 130.00			
HOTEL: EPSOM MANOTEL 10, Rue Richemond CH-1202 Geneva Tel: 544 66 66 Fax: 544 66 99 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Buffet (Included)	****	 150.00 185.00	 176.00 216.00		
HOTEL: GRAND PRE 35, Rue du CH-1202 Geneva Tel: 918 11 11 Fax: 734 76 91 Single room with shower Single room with bath Double room with shower Double room with bath BREAKFAST Buffet (Included)	****	 150.00 170.00 210.00 230.00			
HOTEL: LE WARWICK 14, Rue de Lausanne CH-1201 Geneva Tel: 731 62 50 Fax: 738 99 35 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Continental Buffet Express breakfast	****	 180.00 180.00 19.00 20.00 9.00			
HOTEL: MONTBRILLANT 2, Rue de Montbrillant CH - 1201 Geneva Tel: 733 77 84 Fax: 733 25 11 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Buffet (included)	****	 125.00 190.00	 155.00		
HOTEL: MOVENPICK 20, Route de Pré-Bois (airport) CH- 1215 Geneva 15 Tel: 798 75 75 Fax: 791 02 84 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Continental (included) Buffet	****	 240.00 280.00 25.00	 370.00 370.00		

		1st Price SFR	2nd Price SFR	1st Price FF	2nd Price FF
HOTEL: NOVOTEL GENEVE - CENTRE 19, Rue de Zurich CH-1211 Geneva 1 Tel: 909 90 00 Fax: 909 90 01	****				
Single room with bath		165.00	225.00		
Double room with bath		205.00	240.00		
BREAKFAST					
Buffet		24.00			
HOTEL: PARK FORUM HOTEL 75-77, Avenue Louis Casai (airport) CH - 1216 Cointrin/Geneva Tel: 710 30 00 Fax: 710 31 00	****				
Single room with bath		185.00			
Double room with bath		220.00			
BREAKFAST					
Buffet (Included)					
HOTEL: REX MANOTEL 44, Avenue Wendt CH - 1203 Geneva Tel: 544 74 74 Fax: 544 74 99	****				
Single room with bath		150.00			
Double room with bath		185.00			
BREAKFAST					
Buffet (Included)					
HOTEL: ROYAL MANOTEL 41, Rue de Lausanne CH -1201 Geneva Tel: 906 14 14 Fax: 906 14 99	****				
Single room with bath		187.00			
Double room with bath		227.00			
BREAKFAST					
Buffet (Included)					
HOTEL: TIFFANY 1, rue des Marbriers CH-1204 Geneva Tel: 708 16 16 Fax: 708 16 17	****				
Single room with shower		175.00			
Single room with bath		215.00	250.00		
Double room with bath		270.00			
BREAKFAST					
Buffet (Included)					
HOTEL: ASCOT MANOTEL 55, Rue Rothschild CH-1202 Geneva Tel: 544 38 38 Fax: 544 38 99 Booking/Réservation: 909 81 81	***				
Single room with bath		129.00			
Double room with bath		160.00			
BREAKFAST					
Continental (Included)					

		1st Price SFR	2nd Price SFR	1st Price FF	2nd Price FF
HOTEL: CHANTILLY MANOTEL 27, Rue de la Navigation CH-1201 Geneva Tel: 544 40 40 Fax: 544 40 99 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Continental (Included)	***	 129.00 160.00			
HOTEL: COMEDIE 12, rue de Carouge CH-1205 Genève Tel: 322 23 24 Fax: 322 23 23 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Buffet	***	 119.00 149.00 10.00			
HOTEL: CRISTAL 4, Rue Pradier CH - 1201 Geneva Tel: 731 34 00 Fax: 731 70 78 Single room with shower Single room with bath Double room with shower Double room with bath BREAKFAST Continental Buffet	***	 123.00 148.00 163.00 202.00 9.00 18.00			
RESIDENCE: DE FRANCE 4, Avenue de France CH-1202 Genève Tel: 908 67 00 Fax: 339 80 01 Studio (small - view on street) Studio (big - view on court yard) Small apt. (view on court yard) Big Apt. (View on street) Penthouse	***	per week 1,500.00 2,250.00 2,950.00 3,450.00 7,000.00			
HOTEL: DES ALPES 14, rue des Alpes CH-1201 Geneva Tel: 731 22 00 Fax: 731 16 89 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Continental (Included)	***	 110.00 140.00			
HOTEL: DRAKE 32, Rue Rothschild CH - 1202 Geneva Tel: 731 67 50 Fax: 738 00 07 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Buffet (Included)	***	 140.00 170.00			

		1st Price SFR	2nd Price SFR	1st Price FF	2nd Price FF
HOTEL: EDELWEISS MANOTEL 2, Place de la Navigation CH-1201 Geneva Tel: 544 51 51 Fax: 544 51 99 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Continental (Included)	***	 144.00 175.00			
HOTEL: EDEN APM 135, Rue de Lausanne CH -1202 Geneva Tel: 716 37 00 Fax: 731 52 60 Single room with bath or shower Double room with bath BREAKFAST Buffet (Included)	***	 150.00 195.00	 165.00		
HOTEL: INTERNATIONAL & TERMINUS 20, Rue des Alpes CH - 1201 Geneva Tel: 732 80 95 Fax: 732 18 43 Single room with bath or shower Double room with bath or shower BREAKFAST Buffet (Included)	***	 99.00 130.00	 150.00		
HOTEL: LES NATIONS 62, Rue du Grand-Pré CH - 1211 Genève 16 Tel: 748 08 08 Fax: 734 38 84 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Continental (Included)	***	 137.00 190.00			
HOTEL: LONGCHAMP 7, Rue Butini CH -1202 Geneva Tel: 731 67 50 Fax: 738 00 07 Single room with bath Double room with BREAKFAST Buffet (Included)	***	 148.00 170.00			
HOTEL: MODERNE 1, Rue de Berne CH-1201 Geneva Tel: 732 81 00 Fax: 738 26 58 Single room with lavabo Single room with shower Single room with bath Double room with shower Double room with bath BREAKFAST Buffet (Included)	***	 65.00 115.00 120.00 156.00 166.00	 70.00		

		1st Price SFR	2nd Price SFR	1st Price FF	2nd Price FF
HOTEL: MON REPOS 131, Rue de Lausanne CH-1202 Geneve Tel: 909 39 09 Fax: 909 39 93 Single room with bath or shower Double room with bath or shower BREAKFAST Buffet and/or continental (Included)	***	 160.00 185.00	 250.00		
HOTEL: MONTANA 23, Rue des Alpes CH - 1201 Genève Tel: 732 08 40 Fax: 738 25 11 Single room with bath or shower Double room with bath or shower BREAKFAST Buffet (Included)	***	 110.00 140.00			
HOTEL: OMAR KHAYAM 8, Rue Rossi CH -1201 Genève Tel: 731 63 60 Fax: 738 86 00 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Continental (Included)	***	 70.00 100.00			
HOTEL: RIVOLI 6, Rue des Paquis CH 1201 Genève Tel: 731 85 50 Fax: 738 41 17 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Continental (Included)	***	 105.00 160.00			
HOTEL: SAGITTA 6, Rue de la Flèche CH 1207 Genève Tel: 786 33 61 Fax: 849 81 10 Single room with bath Double room with bath BREAKFAST Buffet (Included) Studio 1-2 persons/22 sq. m/week) Studio 1-2 persons/22 sq. m/month Studio 1-2 persons/40sq. m/week Studio 1-2 persons/40 sq. m/month 2 rooms apt/1-4 pers./54 sq.m/week 2 rooms apt/1-4 pers./54 sq.m/month BREAKFAST Buffet	***	 143.00 179.00 749.00 3,000.00 1,008.00 3,990.00 1,260.00 4,950.00 12.00			

		1st Price SFR	2nd Price SFR	1st Price FF	2nd Price FF
RESIDENCE: **SAINT-JAMES** 3, Rue Verenaaz CH 1207 Geneva Tel: 849 91 00 Fax: 736 63 74 Studio 1 person (per day) Studio 1 person (per week) Studio 2 persons (per day) Studio 2 persons (per week) 2 rooms apartment (per day) 2 rooms apartment (per week) 3 rooms apartment (per day) 3 rooms apartment (per week) **BREAKFAST** Continental	***	150.00 1,015.00 180.00 1,155.00 300.00 1,890.00 320.00 1,960.00 15.00			
HOTEL: **SAVOY** 8, Place de Cornavin CH-1201 Geneva Tel: 906 67 00 Fax: 906 67 90 Single room with bath or shower Double room with bath **BREAKFAST** Continental (Included)	***	110.00 140.00			
HOTEL: **STRASBOURG-UNIVERS** 10, Rue Pradier CH - 1201 Genève Tel: 906 58 00 Fax: 738 42 88 Single room with bath Double room with bath **BREAKFAST** Buffet (Included)	***	140.00 180.00			
HOTEL: **SUISSE** 10, Place Cornavin CH-1201 Genève Tel: 732 66 30 Fax: 732 62 39 Single room with bath / shower Double room with bath / shower **BREAKFAST** Buffet (Included)	***	140.00 175.00			
HOTEL: **TRENTE-TROIS** 82, Avenue Louis-Casai CH-1216 Cointrin Tel: 798 82 80 Fax: 798 63 60 Single room with shower Double room with shower **BREAKFAST** Buffet (Included)	***	135.00 185.00			
HOTEL: **TULIP INN** 21, Avenue de Mategnin-airport CH-1217 Meyrin/Geneva 1 Tel: 989 90 00 Fax: 989 99 99 Single room with bath Double room with bath **BREAKFAST** Buffet	***	135.00 180.00 21.00			

		1st Price SFR	2nd Price SFR	1st Price FF	2nd Price FF
HOTEL: WINDSOR 31, Rue de Berne CH-1201 Genève Tel: 731 71 30 Fax: 731 93 25 Single room with shower Double room with shower BREAKFAST Buffet (Included)	***

HOTELS IN THE CANTON DE VAUD
(appr. 10Kms from Geneva)

		1st Price SFR	2nd Price SFR	1st Price FF	2nd Price FF
HOTEL: **LAUSANNE PALACE & SPA** Grand-Chêne 7 - 9 CH - 1002 Lausanne Tel: (021) 331 31 31 Fax: (021) 323 25 71	*****				
Single room (ville, superior, de luxe)		280.00	360.00		
Double room (ville, superior, de luxe)		345.00	450.00		
Junior suite		480.00	560.00		
BREAKFAST					
Buffet		30.00			
HOTEL: ROTISSERIE DU LAC 51, Grand-Rue CH - 1296 Coppet Tel: 776 15 21 Fax: 776 53 46	****				
Single room with bath (road side)		135.00			
Single room with bath (lake side)		150.00			
Double room with bath (road side)		155.00			
Double room with bath (lake side)		185.00			
BREAKFAST					
Continental		22.00			
HOTEL: CHAVANNE DE BOGIS Les Champs Blancs CH - 1279 Chavannes-de-Bogis Tel: 960 81 81 Fax: 960 81 82	***				
Single room with shower		100.00	120.00		
Double room with bath		115.00	135.00		
BREAKFAST					
Buffet (Included)					

HOTELS IN FRANCE
(near the French border)

N.B. All the rates below include service, taxes, VAT and are applicable until 31 March 2002.

		1st Price SFR	2nd Price SFR	1st Price FF	2nd Price FF
RESIDENCE: **LA RESERVE** 3, Avenue du Jura F-01210 Ferney-Voltaire Tel: (0033) 4 50 40 30 20 Fax: (0033) 4 50 40 30 00	****				
STUDIO					
26 sq. m., less than 4 days (per day)		135.80		585.00	
26 sq. m., more than 4 days (per day)		68.50	73.10	295.00	315.00
32 sq. m., less than 4 days (per day)		162.50		700.00	
32 sq. m., more than 4 days (per day)		97.50	104.50	420.00	450.00
Apartments (2 rooms - 50 Sq.m) less than 4 days (per day)		229.80	260.00	990.00	1,120.00
Apartments (2 rooms - 50 Sq.m) more than 4 days (per day)		117.20	139.30	505.00	600.00
HOTEL: **VOLTAIRE PALACE** Avenue du Jura F-01212 Ferney Voltaire Tel: (0033) 4 50 40 77 90 Fax: (0033) 4 50 40 98 36	****				
Single room with bath		125.30		540.00	
Double room with bath		161.30		695.00	
BREAKFAST					
Buffet (Included)					
HOTEL: **CITADINES-PORTE DE GENEVE** 1, Place Porte de France F-74240 Gaillard Tel: (0033) 4 50 84 33 00 Fax: (0033) 4 50 87 04 74	***				
Studios 1-2 persons (per day)		53.30	74.60	229.60	321.40
Studios 1-2 pers. (per day for 1 month)		41.90	44.20	180.40	190.20
Apartments 1-4 persons (per day)		71.60	97.40	308.30	419.80
Apartments 1-4 pers. (per day for 1 month)		48.70	51.00	209.90	219.80
BREAKFAST					
Continental		10.70		45.90	
RESIDENCE: **LES CITADINES** 34, Rue de Genève F-01210 Ferney-Voltaire Tel: (0033) 4 50 42 68 00 Fax: (0033) 4 50 40 91 24	***				
Studios 1-2 persons (per day)		92.90		400.10	
Studios 1-2 pers. (per day for 1 month)		63.20		272.20	
Apartments 1-4 persons (per day)		121.00		521.50	
Apartments 1-4 pers. (per day for 1 month)		79.20		341.10	
BREAKFAST					
Continental		10.70		45.90	

		1st Price SFR	2nd Price SFR	1st Price FF	2nd Price FF
RESIDENCE: **LES CITADINES** 102, Rue de Genève F-74240 Gaillard Tel: (0033) 4 50 31 81 00 Fax: (0033) 4 50 31 81 01	***				
Studios 1-2 persons (per day)		57.90		249.30	
Studios 1-2 persons (per day for 1 month)		46.40		200.10	
Apartments 1-4 persons (per day)		79.20	104.30	341.10	449.30
Apartments 1-4 pers. (per day for 1 month)		53.30	55.60	229.60	239.40
BREAKFAST					
Continental		10.70		45.90	
HOTEL: **MERCURE-PORTE DE GENEVE** 9, Rue des Jardins F-74240 Gaillard Tel: (0033) 4 50 92 05 25 Fax: (0033) 4 50 87 14 57	***				
Single room with bath		127.70		550.00	
Double room with bath		141.60		610.00	
BREAKFAST					
Continental				65.00	
HOTEL: **NOVOTEL** Route de Meyrin F-01210 Ferney Voltaire Tel: (0033) 4 50 40 85 23 Fax: (0033) 4 50 40 76 33	***				
Single or double room with bath		117.20		505.00	
BREAKFAST					
Buffet		14.60		63.00	
HOTEL: **LA DIVONNE** Rue de Lausanne F-01220 Divonne les Bains Tel: (0033) 4 50 20 34 34 Fax: (0033) 4 50 20 35 95	**				
Studio 2/3 pers (per day/per studio)		77.80		335.00	
Studio 4 persons (per day/per studio)		89.40		385.00	
2 rooms 4/5 pers (per day/per studio)		102.10		440.00	
3 rooms 5/6 pers (day/per studio)		146.20		630.00	
BREAKFAST					
Buffet or Continental		8.10		35.00	
HOTEL: **MEDIAN** Chemin de Colovrex F-01210 Ferney-Voltaire Tel: (0033) 4 50 28 00 50 Fax: (0033) 4 50 42 88 93	**				
Single room with bath		81.20		350.00	
Suite Junior		90.50		390.00	
BREAKFAST					
Buffet		11.10		48.00	

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STATUS OF RATIFICATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION

Note by the secretariat

1. The text of the Convention was adopted in Paris on 17 June 1994, at the Headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; it was opened for signature in Paris on 14 and 15 October 1994, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 13 October 1995. By that date, the Convention had received 115 signatures. The Convention entered into force on 26 December 1996. Those States which have not signed the Convention may accede to it at any time.

2. For any States ratifying, accepting or approving the Convention or acceding thereto after the date of entry into force, the Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

3. This document contains information concerning dates of signature and ratification received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as Depositary, as at 5 October 2001.

4. The information is presented in two tables. All Parties to the Convention as at 5 October 2001 are listed in alphabetical order in table 1. The second table shows the general status of ratification of the Convention. The dates in the column on ratification are those of the receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession by the Depositary.

5. For the purpose of this document, all references to ratification include information on accession, acceptance and approval of the Convention.

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Table 1. Parties to the Convention*
(as at 5 October 2001)

1. Afghanistan
2. Albania
3. Algeria
4. Angola
5. Antigua and Barbuda
6. Argentina
7. Armenia
8. Australia
9. Austria
10. Azerbaijan
11. Bahamas
12. Bahrain
13. Bangladesh
14. Barbados
15. Belarus
16. Belgium
17. Belize
18. Benin
19. Bolivia
20. Botswana
21. Brazil
22. Bulgaria
23. Burkina Faso
24. Burundi
25. Cambodia
26. Cameroon
27. Canada
28. Cape Verde
29. Central African Republic
30. Chad
31. Chile
32. China
33. Colombia
34. Comoros
35. Congo
36. Cook Islands
37. Costa Rica
38. Côte d'Ivoire
39. Croatia
40. Cuba
41. Cyprus
42. Czech Republic
43. Democratic Republic of the Congo
44. Denmark
45. Djibouti
46. Dominica
47. Domisican Republic
48. Ecuador
49. Egypt
50. El Salvador
51. Equatorial Guinea
52. Eritrea
53. Ethiopia
54. European Community
55. Fiji
56. Finland
57. France
58. Gabon
59. Gambia
60. Georgia
61. Germany
62. Ghana
63. Greece
64. Grenada
65. Guatemala
66. Guinea
67. Guinea-Bissau
68. Guyana
69. Haiti
70. Honduras
71. Hungary
72. Iceland
73. India
74. Indonesia
75. Iran (Islamic Republic of)
76. Ireland
77. Israel
78. Italy
79. Jamaica
80. Japan
81. Jordan
82. Kazakhstan
83. Kenya
84. Kiribati
85. Kuwait
86. Kyrgyzstan
87. Lao People's Democratic Republic
88. Lebanon
89. Lesotho
90. Liberia
91. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
92. Liechtenstein
93. Luxembourg
94. Madagascar
95. Malawi
96. Malaysia
97. Mali
98. Malta
99. Marshall Islands
100. Mauritania
101. Mauritius
102. Mexico
103. Micronesia (Federated States of)
104. Monaco
105. Mongolia
106. Morocco
107. Mozambique
108. Myanmar
109. Namibia
110. Nauru
111. Nepal
112. Netherlands
113. New Zealand
114. Nicaragua
115. Niger
116. Nigeria
117. Niue
118. Norway
119. Oman
120. Pakistan
121. Palau
122. Panama
123. Papua New Guinea
124. Paraguay
125. Peru
126. Philippines
127. Portugal
128. Qatar
129. Republic of Korea
130. Republic of Moldova
131. Romania
132. Rwanda
133. Saint Kitts and Nevis
134. Saint Lucia
135. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
136. Samoa
137. San Marino
138. Sao Tome and Principe
139. Saudi Arabia
140. Senegal
141. Seychelles
142. Sierra Leone
143. Singapore
144. Slovenia
145. Solomon Islands
146. South Africa
147. Spain
148. Sri Lanka
149. Sudan
150. Suriname
151. Swaziland
152. Sweden
153. Switzerland
154. Syrian Arab Republic
155. Tajikistan
156. Thailand
157. Togo
158. Tonga
159. Trinidad and Tobago
160. Tunisia
161. Turkey
162. Turkmenistan
163. Tuvalu
164. Uganda
165. United Arab Emirates
166. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
167. United Republic of Tanzania
168. United States of America
169. Uruguay
170. Uzbekistan
171. Vanuatu
172. Venezuela
173. Viet Nam
174. Yemen
175. Zambia
176. Zimbabwe

* Belarus has ratified the Convention but has not yet become Party to it (see table 2).

Table 2. Status of ratification
(R=Ratification, Ac=Accession, At=Acceptance)

Country	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force
1. Afghanistan		01/11/95(Ac)	26/12/96
2. Albania		27/04/00(Ac)	26/07/00
3. Algeria	14/10/94	22/05/96(R)	26/12/96
4. Angola	14/10/94	30/06/97(R)	28/09/97
5. Antigua and Barbuda	04/04/95	06/06/97(R)	04/09/97
6. Argentina	15/10/94	06/01/97(R)	06/04/97
7. Armenia	14/10/94	02/07/97(R)	30/09/97
8. Australia	14/10/94	15/05/00(R)	13/08/00
9. Austria		02/06/97(Ac)	31/08/97
10. Azerbaijan		10/08/98(Ac)	08/11/98
11. Bahamas		10/11/00(Ac)	08/02/01
12. Bahrain		14/07/97(Ac)	12/10/97
13. Bangladesh	14/10/94	26/01/96(R)	26/12/96
14. Barbados		14/05/97(Ac)	12/08/97
15. Belarus		29/08/01(Ac)	27/11/01
16. Belgium		30/06/97(Ac)	28/09/97
17. Belize		23/07/98(Ac)	21/10/98
18. Benin	14/10/94	29/08/96(R)	26/12/96
19. Bolivia	14/10/94	01/08/96(R)	26/12/96
20. Botswana	12/10/95	11/09/96(R)	26/12/96
21. Brazil	14/10/94	25/06/97(R)	23/09/97
22. Bulgaria		21/02/01(Ac)	22/05/01
23. Burkina Faso	14/10/94	26/01/96(R)	26/12/96
24. Burundi	14/10/94	06/01/97(R)	06/04/97
25. Cambodia	15/10/94	18/08/97(R)	16/11/97
26. Cameroon	14/10/94	29/05/97(R)	27/08/97
27. Canada	14/10/94	01/12/95(R)	26/12/96
28. Cape Verde	14/10/94	08/05/95(R)	26/12/96
29. Central African Republic	14/10/94	05/09/96(R)	26/12/96
30. Chad	14/10/94	27/09/96(R)	26/12/96
31. Chile	03/03/95	11/11/97(R)	09/01/98
32. China	14/10/94	18/02/97(R)	19/05/97
33. Colombia	14/10/94	08/06/99(R)	06/09/99
34. Comoros	14/10/94	03/03/98(R)	01/06/98
35. Congo	15/10/94	12/07/99(R)	11/10/99
36. Cook Islands		21/08/98(Ac)	19/11/98
37. Costa Rica	15/10/94	05/01/98(R)	05/04/98
38. Côte d'Ivoire	15/10/94	04/03/97(R)	02/06/97
39. Croatia	15/10/94	06/10/00(At)	04/01/01
40. Cuba	15/10/94	13/03/97(R)	11/06/97
41. Cyprus		29/03/00(Ac)	27/06/00
42. Czech Republic		25/01/00(Ac)	24/04/00
43. Democratic Republic of the Congo	14/10/94	12/09/97(R)	11/11/97
44. Denmark	15/10/94	22/12/95(R)	26/12/96

Country	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force
45. Djibouti	15/10/94	12/06/97(R)	10/08/97
46. Dominica		08/12/97(Ac)	08/03/98
47. Dominican Republic		26/06/97(Ac)	24/09/97
48. Ecuador	19/01/95	06/09/95(R)	26/12/96
49. Egypt	14/10/94	07/07/95(R)	26/12/96
50. El Salvador		27/06/97(Ac)	25/09/97
51. Equatorial Guinea	14/10/94	27/06/97(R)	25/09/97
52. Eritrea	14/10/94	14/08/96(R)	26/12/96
53. Ethiopia	15/10/94	27/06/97(R)	25/09/97
54. Fiji		26/08/98(Ac)	24/11/98
55. Finland	15/10/94	20/09/95(At)	26/12/96
56. France	14/10/94	12/06/97(R)	10/09/98
57. Gabon		06/09/96(Ac)	26/12/96
58. Gambia	14/10/94	11/06/96(R)	26/12/96
59. Georgia	15/10/94	23/07/99(R)	21/10/99
60. Germany	14/10/94	10/07/96(R)	26/12/96
61. Ghana	15/10/94	27/12/96(R)	27/03/97
62. Greece	14/10/94	05/05/97(R)	03/08/97
63. Grenada		28/05/97(Ac)	25/09/97
64. Guatemala		10/09/98(Ac)	09/12/98
65. Guinea	14/10/94	23/06/97(R)	21/09/97
66. Guinea-Bissau	15/10/94	27/10/95(R)	26/12/96
67. Guyana		26/06/97(Ac)	24/09/97
68. Haiti	15/10/94	25/09/96(R)	26/12/96
69. Honduras	22/02/95	25/06/97(R)	23/09/97
70. Hungary		13/07/99(Ac)	11/10/99
71. Iceland		03/06/97(Ac)	01/09/97
72. India	14/10/94	17/12/96(R)	17/03/97
73. Indonesia	15/10/94	31/08/98(R)	29/11/98
74. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	14/10/94	29/04/97(R)	28/07/97
75. Ireland	15/10/94	31/07/97(R)	29/10/97
76. Israel	14/10/94	26/03/96(R)	26/12/96
77. Italy	14/10/94	23/06/97(R)	21/09/97
78. Jamaica		12/11/97(Ac)	12/03/98
79. Japan	14/10/94	11/09/98(At)	10/12/98
80. Jordan	13/04/95	21/10/96(R)	19/01/97
81. Kazakhstan	14/10/94	09/07/97(R)	07/10/97
82. Kenya	14710/94	24/06/97(R)	22/09/97
83. Kiribati		08/09/98(Ac)	07/12/98
84. Kyrgyzstan		19/09/97(Ac)	18/12/97
85. Kuwait	22/09/95	27/06/97(R)	25/09/97
86. Lao People's Democratic Republic	30/08/95	20/09/96(At)	26/12/96
87. Lebanon	14/10/94	16/05/96(R)	26/12/96
88. Lesotho	15/10/94	12/09/95(R)	26/12/96
89. Liberia		02/03/98/Ac)	31/05/98

Country	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force
90. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	15/10/94	22/07/96(R)	26/12/96
91. Liechtenstein		29/12/99(Ac)	28/03/00
92. Luxembourg	14/10/94	04/02/97(R)	05/05/97
93. Madagascar	14/10/94	25/06/97(R)	23/09/97
94. Malaysia	06/10/95	25/06/97(R)	23/09/97
95. Malawi	17/01/95	13/06/96(R)	26/12/96
96. Mali	15/10/94	31/10/95(R)	26/12/96
97. Malta	15/10/94	30/01/98(R)	30/04/98
98. Marshall Islands		02/06/98(Ac)	31/08/98
99. Mauritania	14/10/94	07/08/96(R)	26/12/96
100. Mauritius	17/03/95	23/01/96(R)	26/12/96
101. Mexico	15/10/94	03/04/95(R)	26/12/96
102. Micronesia (Federated States of)	12/12/94	25/03/96(R)	26/12/96
103. Monaco		05/03/99(Ac)	03/06/99
104. Mongolia	15/10/94	03/09/96(R)	26,12/96
105. Morocco	15/10/94	07/11/96(R)	06/02/97
106. Mozambique	28/09/95	13/03/97(R)	11/06/97
107. Myanmar		02/01/97(Ac)	02/04/97
108. Namibia	24/10/94	16/05/97(R)	14/08/97
109. Nauru		22/09/98(Ac)	21/12/98
110. Nepal	12/10/95	15/10/96(R)	13/01/97
111. Netherlands*	15/10/94	27/06/95(At)	26/12/96
112. New Zealand*		07/09/00(Ac)	06/12/00
113. Nicaragua	21/11/94	17/02/98(R)	18/05/98
114. Niger	14/10/94	19/01/96(R)	26/12/96
115. Nigeria	31/10/94	08/07/97(R)	06/10/97
116. Niue		14/08/98(Ac)	12/11/98
117. Norway	15/10/94	30/08/96(R)	26/12/96
118. Oman		23/07/96(Ac)	26/12/96
119. Pakistan	15/10/94	24/02/97(R)	25/05/97
120. Palau		15/06/99(Ac)	13/09/99
121. Panama	22/02/95	04/04/96(R)	26/12/96
122. Papua New Guinea		06/12/00(Ac)	06/03/01
123. Paraguay	01/12/94	15/01/97(R)	15/04/97
124. Peru	15/10/94	09/11/95(R)	26/12/96
125. Philippines	08/12/94	10/02/00(R)	10/05/00
126. Portugal	14/10/94	01/04/96(R)	26/12/96
127. Qatar		15/03/99(Ac)	13/06/99
128. Republic of Korea	14/10/94	17/08/99(R)	15/11/99
129. Republic of Moldova		10/03/99(Ac)	08/06/99
130. Romania		19/08/98(Ac)	17/11/98
131. Rwanda	22/06/95	22/10/98(R)	20/01/99
132. Saint Kitts and Nevis		30/06/97(Ac)	28/09/97
133. Saint Lucia		02/07/97(Ac)	30/09/97
134. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	15/10/94	16/03/98(R)	14/06/98

Country	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force
135. Samoa		21/08/98(Ac)	19/11/98
136. San Marino		23/07/99(Ac)	21/10/99
137. Sao Tome and Principe	04/10/95	08/07/98(R)	06/10/98
138. Saudi Arabia		25/06/97(Ac)	23/09/97
139. Senegal	14/10/94	26/07/95(R)	26/12/96
140. Seychelles	14/10/94	26/06/97(R)	24/09/97
141. Sierra Leone	11/11/94	25/09/97(R)	24/12/97
142. Singapore		26/04/99(Ac)	25/07/99
143. Slovenia		28/06/01(Ac)	26/09/01
144. Solomon Islands		16/04/99(Ac)	15/07/99
145. South Africa	09/01/95	30/09/97(R)	29/12/97
146. Spain	14/10/94	30/01/96(R)	26/12/96
147. Sri Lanka		09/12/98(Ac)	09/03/99
148. Sudan	15/10/94	24/11/95(R)	26/12/96
149. Suriname		01/06/00(Ac)	30/08/00
150. Swaziland	27/07/95	07/10/96(R)	05/01/97
151. Sweden	15/10/94	12/12/95(R)	26/12/96
152. Switzerland	14/10/94	19/01/96(R)	26/12/96
153. Syrian Arab Republic	15/10/94	10/06/97(R)	08/09/97
154. Tajikistan		16/07/97(Ac)	14/10/97
155. Thailand		07/03/01(Ac)	05/06/01
156. Togo	15/10/94	04/10/95(At)	26/12/96
157. Tonga		25/09/98(Ac)	24/12/98
158. Trinidad and Tobago		08/06/00(Ac)	06/09/00
159. Tunisia	14/10/94	11/10/95(R)	26/12/96
160. Turkey	14/10/94	31/03/98(R)	29/06/98
161. Turkmenistan	27/03/95	18/09/96(R)	26/12/96
162. Tuvalu		14/09/98(Ac)	13/12/98
163. Uganda	21/11/94	25/06/97(R)	23/09/97
164. United Arab Emirates		21/10/98(Ac)	19/01/99
165. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*	14/10/94	18/10/96(R)	16/01/97
166. United Republic of Tanzania	14/10/94	19/06/97(R)	17/09/97
167. United States of America	14/10/94	17/11/00(R)	15/02/01
168. Uruguay		17/02/99(Ac)	18/05/99
169. Uzbekistan	07/12/94	31/10/95(R)	26/12/96
170. Vanuatu	28/09/95	10/08/99(R)	08/11/99
171. Venezuela		29/06/98(Ac)	27/09/98
172. Viet Nam		25/08/98(Ac)	23/11/98
173. Yemen		14/01/97(Ac)	14/04/97
174. Zambia	15/10/94	19/09/96(R)	26/12/96
175. Zimbabwe	15/10/94	23/09/97(R)	22/12/97
Regional Economic Integration Organization			
176. European Community	14/10/94	26/03/98(R)	24/06/98
TOTAL	**115**	**176**	

Notes:

* For the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe.

[b] "New Zealand declares that, consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking into account its commitment to the development of self-government through an act of self-determination under the Charter of the United Nations, this ratification shall not extend to Tokelau unless and until a Declaration to this effect is lodged by the Government of New Zealand with the Depositary on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory."

[c] For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the British Virgin Islands, St. Helena and Ascension Island. Subsequently, on 24 December 1996, the Government of the United Kingdom notified the Secretary-General that the Convention would apply to Montserrat.

Declarations:

ALGERIA

The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 28, paragraph 2, of the [said Convention], to the effect that any dispute must be submitted to the International Court of Justice.

The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria declares that for a dispute submitted to the International Court of Justice, the consent of both parties will be necessary in each case.

AUSTRIA

"The Republic of Austria declares in accordance with article 28 of the Convention that it accepts both of the means of dispute in paragraph 2 as compulsory in relation to any Party accepting an obligation concerning one or both of these means of dispute settlement."

GUATEMALA

"The Republic of Guatemala declares that, in respect of any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention, it recognizes arbitration in accordance with procedures adopted by the Conference of the Parties in an annex as soon as practicable as a means of dispute settlement, compulsory in relation to any Party accepting the same obligation. This declaration shall remain in force until three months after written notice of its revocation has been deposited with the Depositary."

KUWAIT

With respect to the State of Kuwait, any additional regional implementation annex or any amendment to any regional implementation annex shall enter into force only upon the deposit of its instrument of ratification or accession with respect thereto.

NETHERLANDS

"The Kingdom of the Netherlands declares, in accordance with paragraph 2 of article 28 of [the said Convention] that it accepts both means of dispute settlement referred to in that paragraph as compulsory in relation to any party accepting one or both of these means of dispute settlement."

NEW ZEALAND

"Any additional regional implementation annex or any amendment to any regional implementation annex to the Convention shall enter into force for new Zealand only upon the Government of New Zealand's deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect thereto."

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Understandings:

"(1) Foreign assistance.-- The United States understands that, as a "developed country," pursuant to Article 6 of the Convention and its Annexes, it is not obligated to satisfy specific funding requirements or other specific requirements regarding the provision of any resource, including technology, to any "affected country," as defined in Article 1 of the Convention. The United States understands that ratification of the Convention does not alter its domestic legal processes to determine foreign assistance funding or programs.

"(2) Financial resources and mechanism.-- The United States understands that neither Article 20 nor Article 21 of the Convention impose obligations to provide specific levels of funding for the Global Environmental Facility, or the Global Mechanism, to carry out the objectives of the Convention, or for any other purpose.

"(3) United States land management.-- The United States understands that it is a "developed country party" as defined in Article 1 of the Convention, and that it is not required to prepare a national action program pursuant to Part III, Section 1, of the Convention. The United States also understands that no changes to its existing land management practices and programs will be required to meet its obligations under Articles 4 or 5 of the Convention.

"(4) Legal process for amending the Convention.-- In accordance with Article 34 (4), any additional regional implementation annex to the Convention or any amendment to any regional implementation annex to the Convention shall enter into force for the United States only upon the deposit of a corresponding instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

"(5) Dispute settlement.-- The United States declines to accept as compulsory either of the dispute settlement means set out in Article 28(2), and understands that it will not be bound by the outcome, findings, conclusions or recommendations of a conciliation process initiated under Article 28 (6). For any dispute arising from this Convention, the United States does not recognize or accept the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice."

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